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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: CHARGE THAT PORTUGUESE MILITARY BEING TRAINED AT US BASES IN EUROPE IS NOT NEW, AND PROBABLY DERIVES FROM DOD TESTIMONY BEFORE DIGGS' SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA IN MARCH 1973. FACT IS THAT DURING FISCAL YEARS 1971-72-73, TWENTY FIVE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WERE TRAINED IN US AND 79 WERE TRAINED AT USAF FACILITIES IN BOTH GERMANY AND UK. OF TWENTY FIVE TRAINED IN US, NONE RPT NONE WERE ENGAGED IN PILOT TRAINING. TWENTY THREE WERE ALREADY QUALIFIED PILOTS. TEN OF THESE RECEIVED NON-COMBAT TYPES OF TRAINING AND THE OTHERS WERE GIVEN AIR DEFENSE AND OTHER SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN CONNECTION WITH PORTUGAL'S NATO ROLE. SIMILAR ANALYSIS APPLIES TO THOSE TRAINED OVERSEAS: I.E., ONLY 31 OUT OF 79 RECEIVED FLIGHT TRAINING OF ANY SORT AND THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO NATO MISSIONS. CHARGE OF TRAINING IN BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WARFARE AT BASES IS FALSE. ABOVE

CAN BE DRAWN UPON AS DESIRED BY POST. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN SECRET: FYI: CHARGES ABOUT FRG'S ALLEGED ROLE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS PARTLY MISCONSTRUAL OF FACT THAT WEST GERMAN FIRM IS INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN SOUTH AFRICA. SAG HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT NUCLEAR PROGRAM IS ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. ALSO, IT IS KNOWN THAT FRG HAS, IN PAST, BEEN A MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER TO PORTUGAL. FROM 1954-1969, FRG PROVIDED DOLS 37.6 MILLION OF ARMS TO PORTUGAL WITH NO RESTRICTION ON USE IN AFRICA. BEGINNING IN 1971, UNDER CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC PRESSURE, FRG TOUGHENED RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ITS ARMS BY PORTUGAL IN AFRICA. INGERSOLL

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